

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following paragraph in between the paragraph that ends on page 3, line 11 and the paragraph that begins on page 3, line 12:

Fig. 1A is a lateral section view of the embodiment of the device in which the casing is selectively removable.

The text of the amendment to the specification is consistent with FIG. 1A, as amended. Support for the amendment can be found in the specification on page 7, lines 12 – 14.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 9 as follows:

Preferably, the one or more ion emitters 25 is/are situated outside housing 5. Also preferably, one or more ion emitters 25 can selectively minimize dilution of ions with the airflow. Still further, preferably the one or more ion emitters 25 is/are located in a casing 45 on housing 5. Casing 45 can be integral with housing 5, as illustrated in Fig. 1, or removable to allow easy access to the one or more ion emitters 25 for cleaning and/or replacement thereof, as illustrated in Fig. 1A. This can be important as dust and other air particles or contaminants tend to collect on ion emitters and can thereby interfere with the ionization process. Preferably, the casing configuration can also further reduce the degree to which the one or more ion emitters 25 is/are directly exposed to the airflow exiting air outlet 40, and thereby minimize the degree to which air born contaminants negatively affect the operation of the one or more ion emitters 25.